



Minutes of the **50th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the NORTH ISLAND CLUBS NEW ZEALAND DARTS ASSOCIATION INCOPORATED, held at the Pukekohe Cosmopolitan Club on Saturday 4th of March 2023 at 9.00am.

ATTENDANCE; - Clubs (27) Delegates (44) Life Member (0)

T Nuku	Vice President North Island
G MacDonald	Secretary, Acting AEM (Capital)
N Pugh	Area Executive member Auckland
N Kitson	Area Executive member Thames Valley / BOP / Waikato
R Jonathan	Area Executive member King Country
J Harper	Area Executive member West Coast North Island
L Edwards	Area Executive member Hawkes Bay / East Coast North Island

Chairpersons Welcome.

The Vice President (Chairman) welcomed all club delegates and thanked them all for their attendance.

Moments Silence:

A request to stand for a moments silence for those who have passed over the year acknowledging Paddy Fogarty former AEM Capital Area and former Association President and the last of our founding fathers and foundation Secretary John Butcher.

Apologies.

West City -Emma Heavey

That the Apologies be sustained.

Hamilton WC/West City -----Carried

Minutes of Previous Meetings.

- 1. The minutes of the North Island AGM held at Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club on the Friday 6th March 2020.**

“That the minutes of the North Island AGM be tabled for discussion”

West City/Papatoetoe ----- Carried

Matters Arising:

- Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan club questioned the club’s supplying minutes for the AGM. When did this change? Vice President advised this change had been in place since 2020.

“That the minutes of the North Island AGM be confirmed as true and correct record”

-----*Carried*

2. The minutes of the North Island Executive Meeting held at Hamilton Workingmen’s Club on Sunday 23 May 2021

“That the minutes of the North Island executive meeting be tabled for discussion”.

Papatoetoe/Papakura

-----*Carried*

Matters Arising: Nil

“That the minutes of the North Island executive meeting be confirmed as true and correct”.

----- *Carried*

North Island Vice President- noted that delegates did not have minutes and advised once again that the minutes for the AGM & Executive meetings area available online and are accessible to public.

Presidents Report:

- *In the absence of the President the secretary read his report to the attendees.*

No matters arising from the Presidents report.

Papakura/ Papatoetoe Club

-----*Carried*

Correspondence.

Inward.

- CEO Clubs New Zealand re ownership & transgender position.
- Memorandum from Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club for North Islands 2025.
- Letter from Helen Makiha request to manage Men’s North Island team 2023.

Outwards.

1. Reply to Clubs New Zealand

“That the inward correspondence be received, and the outwards be approved”

Porirua Club/ West City

-----**Carried**

Venues for 2024/2025

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| (1) 2023 NZ Tournament | - | Porirua Club |
| (2) 2024 South Island Tournament | - | Invercargill WMC |
| (3) 2024 North Island Tournament | - | Hamilton WMC |
| (4) 2024 NZ Tournament | - | Invercargill WMC |
| (5) 2025 North Island Tournament | - | Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club |

The Activities Manager Grant Bannatyne of Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club addressed Delegates at the AGM regarding the facilities, expectations, accommodation, transportation, and the abilities of the club to manage this event.

1. West City questioned the Upper Hutt Cosi Club being able to hold the event as a previous event booked for the RSA Tournament was cancelled. The manager explained that due to lack of entries and not the ability of the club to hold the event.
2. Tauranga Citizen Club inquired about the camper charges for the week and will he be charged. The manager clearly stated there will be no charge.

The vice president asked that all members present and in favour with a show of hands for the North Island Tournament to be held at the Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club in 2025.

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General Business.

1. **Change of dates for Nationals** – Vice President explained the reasoning for the change to August following NZDC changing their dates to June. He was responsible for choosing the date after checking to ensure that the date was available and did not coincide with any other tournament being played that weekend. We had to allow members time to manage a quick turnaround. If we remained with July, the risk would be that players may not attend.

2. **Nominations for selectors**-they will be non-playing nominees with a biography to accompany their nomination. These will go to the Area Executive Member who will then forward to the CNZDA secretary, this will take effect in 2025, selectors will do a 3yr term and will also be on rotation. All selectors will be given an allowance and 2 tops. Selectors holding the positions at present will continue till 2024. They will also be compensated for their services.
 - a. AEM Janette Harper checked the process was understood, nominations go to the AEM who will then forward to the CNZDA secretary.
 - b. Upper Hutt Cosmopolitan Club questioned the non-playing selectors requirement.
3. AEM Robert Jonathan reminded the delegates that this change for selectors will require a remit to make a rule change.
4. Glen Eden RSA-Greg West stated that they must know the players and who they are selecting. He asked why the executive are passing this job over for Selectors and Managers. Vice President explained that this was brought to the table by members asking how to become a selector. **Glen Eden RSA was not in favour of the selectors process in 2025.**
5. Papatoetoe-Sybil Pugh asked if the process for making changes to the selection of selectors fails can we revert to the executive taking the roles back. This was signalled that this would be looked at for sure.
6. South Taranaki RSA-Megan Peters what is available for Youth & Juniors at the coming Nationals. The vice president advised that a remit be put forward with a request to provide an event for them.
7. Glen Eden RSA Greg West requested a letter be sent to the National body with concerns about DPNZ who are running events over lapping charter Events at the cost of our players missing out on a spot in an area event.
8. AEM Neil Pugh-Announced the Inter Area winners on Wednesday night were the Waikato Bay of Plenty who will be representing us at the Nationals in Porirua.

With no Further Business, The Vice President Tony Nuku closed the meeting at 9.48 am.

Presidents Report

Island Tournaments 2023

As you will know the unexpected resignation of the previous President led to my appointment as a temporary measure until an election could be held at the NZ Annual General Meeting later this year.

Coming on board at short notice, it became obvious that a number of issues needed addressing and a reset was on the cards.

Financially the Association had come through a challenging period which had left us in a relatively precarious position. Some years ago, a marketing study had resulted in the recognition that our real strength lay back at the grass roots level of clubs and Areas. While your Senior Executive, in an administrative sense, are too remote from individual clubs that is not necessarily the case when it comes to Areas. I had planned to put some effort into visiting several areas but the current inflated cost of travel, coupled with our own fiscal position, rather curtailed that ambition somewhat.

I have been asking the Senior Members of the Executive to do what they can to keep contact with the Areas and as a result some Areas have been visited although not as many as I would have liked. What has become obvious is that operationally speaking, a few Areas have not been up to standard with the minimum requirements as set out in our Rules. Those that don't meet those standards are doing themselves a great dis-service and I urge you all to try and meet those requirements as a start to improving your area's operation. In one case the Area Executive Member was holding down most of the administrative positions and that is just, simply put, unacceptable.

Financially, I have asked all your Executive to play their part in keeping their expenses to a minimum, and as a part of controlling that, I have instituted a system of gathering a quarterly report from the Treasurer. Initially that report didn't quite give me enough detail but after working with the Treasurer we have been able to analyse and monitor the expenditure and cashflow in a more detailed fashion. Hopefully that will continue going forward to future administrations. Many years ago, the Association had set the goal of building a reserve fund to insure us against any future challenge. Of course, that challenge presented itself in a manner that we had not foreseen, namely Covid. As a result, what small reserve we had was quickly eaten up and I urge future administrations to rebuild that reserve and to a meaningful level.

Operationally speaking, a number of your AEM's appeared to be flying blind in a knowledge sense and I have tried to address that in two ways. Firstly, I have asked all AEM's to try and make themselves more familiar with the Rules of the Association and secondly, I re-introduced a system of written communication from the President that existed a number of years ago. This 'President's Chat' is not an official publication for general distribution, but rather a process of a keeping up to date and team building within the Executive. In other words, ensuring that the whole Executive is a team and not just a bunch of individuals operating blindly. One area that will need some attention in the future is assistance for new Executive Members who often get chucked in the deep end and flounder in trying to keep up. Previous AEM's in an Area and Senior Executive Members will need to step up to the plate in future.

I became aware that your previous President had been facing an unwarranted and illegal effort from Clubs NZ to take ownership of our Association. I was pleased to note that he had resisted that but unfortunately with our change at the top they had decided to try again. Myself and the Association's Treasurer responded to an invitation to meet with them and laid it out in no uncertain terms that our Association belongs to our members and will remain that way. Their response was disappointing to say the least especially given that this was the 4th attempt to go down this path. Threats of legal action have no basis in law, and we are not intimidated by that.

Previously we had tried to operate as a friendly part of the wider team which is the Club Movement. As part of that process, we had always invited their representatives to attend our AGMs as observers and had a clause in our Rules as part of the appeal process. Given their position I took it upon myself to withdraw future invitations and will be presenting a Remit to remove them from the appeal process at the NZAGM. I make it plain to you all, that this Association belongs to you the members and will not be passed to a remote organisation that has no underlying knowledge of our wonderful game. Let me make it plain that they have no authority over our Association.

As I communicated with Areas and Clubs it surprised me that several Executive Members were unaware that our Association is a shareholder of Dart Players NZ Ltd. That relationship had been working to our benefit in several ways and it rather disappointed me that this had deteriorated to the detriment of both bodies over the past while. I am pleased to say that I have been working on improving and re-establishing that relationship and I expect good outcomes going forward.

At another level some clubs are struggling to survive which makes the role of Dart players much more difficult if they do eventually fold. While the management of clubs is not directly our business, I do urge members to try and not operate in isolation from their parent clubs. Clubs' survival is a team business, and it behoves every member to give support whenever they can. Aligned with that I became aware of one Area that, in part at least, was operating away from their club base. In this case my information was that they were playing at private premises. I urge you all to remember that our strengths lay within the clubs and playing away from that base not only weakens the clubs themselves but also makes it more difficult to attract new members.

Sadly, I have to report that we lost two of our Life Members over the past year. The first of these was Mr John Butcher, the last of our foundation members. John was our founding Secretary and part of the team that established our organisation in 1968. John and his fellow foundation members were part of what was then known as, The Christchurch Working Men's Clubs Darts Association Incorporated. This organisation was the first of the organised Club Darts Associations and had commenced playing in the 1950's. In 1967 John, along with Frank Quemard, Alf Franklin, and Percy Tyler, decided to set up the first National Tournament which took place at Hornby in 1968.

The second of our Life members to pass was Paddy Fogarty. Paddy was the former AEM for The Capital Area and a former President of our Association as well as the former President of the Petone Working Men's Club. His contribution to our cause was immense, especially when it came to resisting attempts by Clubs NZ to impose their ideas of rules and ownership over our Association. Prior to his death Paddy strongly urged me to continue resistance to Clubs NZ's position.

Finally, to you all I convey the message that your Executive work tirelessly on your behalf and I sincerely thank them for that. I urge you all to give support to your Area Executive Members in any way you can. They cannot be as effective as they need to be without that support.

Kindest regards to you all,

**Stephen Long,
President,
Clubs New Zealand Darts Association Incorporated**